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STEADY ADVANCE OF

Free State Annexed to the Empire.

To Be Henceforth Called The Orange River State

Boers Pray and Fight -- Important Movements Pending--British Near Johannes-ALBRAITH .- Office and resberg -At Mafeking.

> LONDON, May 27.—The War Office has received the following from Lord Roberts:

> "VEREENIGING, Sunday, May 27-1:15 p. m .- We crossed the Vaal this morning and are now encamped on the north bank. The advance troops, which crossed yesterday, were only just in time to save the coal mines on both this and the other side of the river from being destroyed. Our casualties were four.

> "Baden-Powell reports that the railway between Mafeking and Buluwayo has been restored and that supplies are being brought into Mafeking. He says the Canadian artillery joined Colonel Plumer from Beira with incredible rap-

'Lieutenant Webber was taken prisoner at Hellbron a few days ago. He went there on telegraph duty. It was not known that our troops had been temporarily withdrawn.

KROONSTAD, May 27 .- General Hamilton has invaded the Transvaal. having crossed at Wonderfontein Drift.

TAAIBOSCH, Saturday, May 26 .- Gereral French crossed the Vaul at Lindegues Drift yesterday, and General Henry, with mounted infantry, today. They pushed forward and nearly succe eded in saving the bridge, only the northernmost span being destroyed. All the refugees agree that the mines will be destroyed.

taking up a position at Klip River Drift, having left the aal The commandants have assembled to discuss the advisability of discontinuing the struggle. Meanwhile there is a force of the enemy at Myrton.

LONDON, May 28.-2:20 a. m.-When Lord Roberts wrote his first dispatch on Transvaal territory yesterday, shortly before 2 o'clock in the afternoon, he was fifty-one miles from Johannesburg and seventy-seven from Pretoria. His immensely superior forces had passed the Vaal river, their alst great natural obstacle, at three points.

The Vaal forms a curve of eighty miles from Parys on the west to Zand drift on the east. The concave of the current is toward the Free State. Thus Lord Roberts, advancing along the railway, was in a positon to strike any part of the crescent by shorter lines than those by which the Boers could re-enforce the threatened points. The Boers retreated almost without a show of defense. General French and General Hamilton apparently did not fire a shot.

Of Lord Roberts' force, eleven men belonging to the Eighth Mounted Infantry were the first to ford the river. They came upon a Boer patrol looting at Viljeon's drift, and a skirmish lasting ten minutes followed. Two hundred

Boers tried feebly to hold the Vereeniging Colliery, but they were dislodged. The Boer rear guard is at Moyerton, ten miles south of Vreeniging. Their main body is moving toward the Klip river hills that cover the south side of Johannesburg.

While Lord Roberts' 30,000 infantry, 20,000 horse and 150 guns are moving on Johannesburg and Pretoria, through a parched and deserted country. the situation at the Transvaal capital as it was last Friday is thus described by an observer who sent his message by private hand to Lourenzo Marquez yes-"The situation, both from a military and a political point of view, has be-

come very critical. President krueger yesterday admitted that for the first time matters are very grave. The Boer determination is to trust everything to a last stand on the Gatsrand mountains, to the north of Pochefstroom, where 3,000 Kaffirs are digging trenches. To that point every available man and gun has been sent.

The whole of the western border of the Transvaal from end to end is defenseless, and General Baden-Powell can march in when he likes. Lord Roberts, on the other hand, will encounter the greatest resistance. The Boer endeavor is to lure the British into appearing to threaten Johannesburg with attack, an excuse thus being given them for the destruction of property. The Transvaal Government will not dare destroy the mines and property without an excuse. Much dynamite has been sent down the line and 160,000 cases its ready at Zuurfontein, near Johannesburg.

General Louis Botha and General Lucas Meyer have pleaded for the preservation of property. Both are large landed proprietors and fear confiscation, but they have not received satisfactory replies from President Krueger.

"Meanwhile many French and German adventurers have come forward with schemes and inventions for blowing up the British troops. Some of these have received a tacft permission to experiment. One German invention is for use on a railway, where it lies perfectly concealed until the weight of a passing train explodes the charge.

General Lucas Meyer says surrender would be at once proposed by the Boers, but everybody fears the ignomiay of being the one to make the proposition. He declares that he is assured that his men will not stand. President Steyn and Mr. Reitz, the Transvaal State Secretary, are strongly opposed to peace, but Krueger is not so much against it."

NEAR JOHANNESBURG.

LONDON, May 28 (midnight) .- The War Office just before midnight published the following dispatch from Lord Roberts:

KLIP RIVER (Transvaal), May 28, 5:25 p. m .- We marched twenty miles to-day and are now eighteen miles from Johannesburg. The enemy had prepared several positions where they intended to oppose us; but they abandoned one after the other as we neared them. We pressed them so hard that they had only just time to get their five guns into train and to leave as soon as some of the Australian Infantry dashed into it.

French's and Ian Hamilton's forces are apparently engaged with the enemy about ten miles to our left, as firing has been heard since noon. "H. J. Whigham has just returned to Lourenzo Marquez from Pretoria, where he went disguised. He writes that Krueger has all the arrangements made for flight, presumably to Holland. A special train, provisioned, is always ready with steam up. The train waits near Pretoria.

The farmers near our line of advance are surrendering with their arms and horses. Rundle occupied Senekel on May 24th. No report of what took place hus reached me yet,"

LATEST FROM ROBERTS.

LONDON, May 29, 2 p. m .- The tenor of Lord Roberts' dispatch of last night and the news from Pretoria this morning lead the authorities here to expect further important news from the British Commander in Chief, dated, they hope, from Johannesburg. The remarkable rapidity of Lord Roberts' movements and the unwonted mobility of the whole British army under him have upset the calculations of the home observers as much as they appear to have disconcerted and demoralized Lord Roberts' Federal opponents. Possibly even now he is at the gates of Johannesburg, and it is believed ten days hence or less he ought to be demanding admittance to the Transvaal capital itself. It the Federals ever really intended to stagger humanity by blowing up the gold reef city and the mines, which is doubtful, Lord Roberts may yet be too quick for them, and arrive before they have time to do any wrecking. The majority of the burghers will undoubt edly be glad of an excuse for saving the mines, and they may find the excuse in Lord Roberts' skill in hustling them out of one position after another.

The effectiveness of the British invasion of the Transvaal is further emphasized by the news from Pretoria of the occupation of Zeerust and the advance on Lichtenburg. Apparently the British dragnet will be drawn through the Transvaal as it was in a similar manner hauled through the Free State.

The fighting at the Klip river Sunday, reported from Pretoria, was presumably done by Generals French and Hamilton in forcing their way round to the northward of Johannesburg.

The Orange Free State was annexed to the British Empire May 28, according to Capt Town advices, but Lord Roberts seems to have given his army the first intimation of this on the previous day.

THE BOERS FLED.

KLIP RIVER, Monday, May 28 .- The Boers after preparing a good position, fled early. The train bearing their last detachment, was nearly captured by Pilkington's West Australians. Prisoners taken state that there was no intention of blowing up the mines, declaring that the threat was made simply with the intention of frightening away the burghers. The British advance force is now within fifteen miles of Johannesburg.

FREE STATE ANNEXED.

CAPE TOWN, May 28 .- The Free State was formally annexed today. CAPE TOWN, Monday, May 28 .- Lord Roberts yesterday announced to his troops the annexation of the Free State which hereafter will be called The Orange River State.

FIGHTING AND PRAYER.

PRETORIA, May 28.—The British occupied Zeerust this morning and a large force is marching on to Lichtenburg. An official builetin states that the British crossed the Vaal river Satur-

day. General Lemmer had a severe fight at Klip river. Five of the burghers were wounded and two were captured. The British were 5000 strong. By an order recently issued, the President decreed that May 27 and the two following days be observed by the whole country as days of prayer, humiliation and the confession of sins and that petitions should be offered for relief from oppression.

Fighting took place at Vanwytrust, fifteen miles south of Johannesburg, with a large force of British which broke through from Klip river. NEWCASTLE, Natal, May 29.-The British guns at Ingogo have been heavily bombarding the Boer's positions since daylight. The Boer guns have replied intermittently.

ERS ON THE OUTLOOK.

NEW YORK, May 23 .- A Sun cable from Pretoria, May 20th, via Lourenzo Marquez, May 22, 9 p. m., says: "In an interview today President Krueger said that unconditional surrender was out of the question. The Transvaal, he declared, would fight on until most of its burghers were killed. "But." he added, "There is plenty of life left in them yet."

Rev. Mr. Bossman, who is by far the most influential clergyman of the Transvaal burghers' church, and who is known to be an opponent of the Krueger government, and who was a bosom friend of the late General Joubert, was interviewed today on the prospects and the probable outcome of the war. He said:

The two republics may be crushed by the overwhelming forces of the British, but the national spirit of the Afrikanders will never be exterminated. They will, just so certain as time rolls on, rule South Africa, even if it must be under a foreign flag."

States Attorney Smuts declared that the Transvaal government would be obliged to fight on to the bitter end. Recent utterances of British politicans, Smuts said, indicated that no mercy would be shown to the two republics, which were now aware of what their ultimate fate would be. The war, Smuts declared, would not be concluded for a long time yet. He regretted that Johannesburg should be compelled to suffer, but the government had no choice in the matter. The pressure was too great.

SCENES AT MAFEKING.

MAFEKING, May 18, via Kimberley, May 24.—The British relieving force occupied this town at 9 o'clock. The garrison immediately moved out with twelve-pounders and pompoms and attacked McMullin's laager. The Boers resisted weakly for a half hour and then fled in disorder, leaving their tents, wagons and implements. The British then occupied all the Boer positions.

Colonel Baden-Powell gave the garrison an opportunity to revenge themselves, using the relief force as a reserve and as supports. Men and women swarmed to the house-tops, and Lady Sarah Wilson on a bicycle accompanied the troops as far as the Boer lines. The town guard formed up in the market square for the march past the re-

lief force. There was immense enthusfasm over the fact that the relief of the place was accomplished by colonials.

ADVISED TO SURRENDER.

CAPE TOWN May 23 .- It is reported here that President Krueger has received a communication from Abraham Fischer, one of the Boer delegates now in the United States, advising him to surrender on the best terms obtainable from Lord Roberts. It is also understood that when Lord Roberts crosses the Vaal river ae willissue a proclamation announcing that if the burghers return to their farmstheir property and stock will be respected.

11. 12 TRANSVAAL NOTES.

Itemized. Mafeking took its relief very coolly. Boer envoys in America were well re-

It is reported that Krueger looks worn nd miserable. There is a great exodus from the Transaal via Delagoa Bay.

On May 28th Buller's army was facing strong Boer force at Laing's Nek. May 25, Cecil Rhodes was at Beira, ortugues East Africa, still planning. South African war books continue turned out in London at an alarming

May 25, all the burghers in the Harrimith-Verde district have returned to heir farms. May 26, Roberts' force crossed the Vaal iver near Parys. Censors are conceal-

g his tactics. President Krueger is reported to have ransferred his property to personal riends to avoid confiscation. Twenty-seven Free State and Transand locomotives were captured by Brittroops north of Vaal river. Com Paul asks the Transvaal burghers

o notify him whether they want to coninue the fight or sue for peace. On May 25th Earl de la Warr, while wounded, escaped from the battlefield where Bethune's squadron was captured. May 19th a plot was disclosed at Preoria to depose Krueger and surrender

he Transvaal to Roberts at an early May 25, the Transvaal Specie Bank has uspended payments. At Kroonstad the Seers abandoned strong positions. eport is rife of growing opposition to

On account of information received Victoria that Boer sympathizers had left San Francisco for the former place, dou le guards have been placed upon the

docks and around the forts.

May 25, Britons in New York celebrate the recent successes of the British arms. The great National Bazaar in aid of the war sufferers was opened by the Prince

d Princess of Wales in London. May 25. Roberts' advance was checked by the Rhinoster river, which was not fordable. Burghers are reported to be voting on the question of surrender. Beers are rapidly transferring goods from Postories. from Pretoria.

May 25, State Secretary Reitz of the Fransvaal Republic is reported to have fled from Pretoria to Lourenzo Marquez with bar gold to the value of \$705,000. Boers admit advance guard at Hellbron has been forced to retire.

PLAGUE IN SAN FRANCISCO. Situation is Peculiar But Probably Cases There Now.

SAN FRANCISCO, May 29.-The bubon c plague in San Francisco is peculiar. The Board of Health ordered all Chinese to be injected with the prophylactic and quarantined the local Chinatown. A Federal Judge granted an injunction

to the Chinese against compulsory ser-um taking and now the Board of Health is in trouble. Suits are promised. The San Francisco newspapers deny the cristence of the plague there, and de-ride the Board of Health. There is, however good reason to belleving the same taken. nowever, good reason to believe that San Francisco is infected. It is not denied that there has been plague recently there, but May 15 is set as the date of the last An evident effort to hide the truth makes it likely that there are still plague millents in this city

In the Senate, Hale regretted the expansion policy, Spooner defended American conduct in islands, and Platt favored investigation of Cuban finan-

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

The Minor News of the Coast Files They are Very Near a Crisis Over

Corean Affairs. SHANGHAL, May 24.--A dispatch received here from Corea says Russian adopted by nations only when war is imminent or hostilities are in progress. The only explanation offered for Japan's ac-tion here is that the Japanese expect they will soon have a conflict on their hands.

VICTORIA, B. C., May 25,—The steam-r Victoria, which arrived this morning from the Orient, brings news that following on the recent naval maneuvers Japan, which many regarded as a demonstration, military maneuvers are to be neld on a large scale by the Japanese Discussing the recent maneuvers and the contemplated military gathering of Jap-anese troops the Kobe Chronicle says: The Japanese War Office undoubtedly regarded the recent naval operations to some extent as a demonstration and an indication that the renewed activity of Russia in Corea was disapproved and could and would be resisted by force if Japanese interests were in any way threatened.

They are to be followed by military maneuvers, also on a scale unprecedented in Japan, and also having the very good excuse of being held with a view to test the Japanese Government is anxious to move or anxious to find a pretext for any aggressive action.

Hawaii Imports.

The imports into Hawaii for the first three months of 1900 have exceeded anything heretofore experienced in the his-tory of the islands. The imports for the three months have been \$5,146,922.85, as against \$3,800.933,90 for the first three months of 1899.

WAR PATH

A State of Civil War in China.

Foreign Powers Assembling Ships at Taku and Russia Preparing to Use Troops.

LONDON, May 25.-A special dispatch from Shanghai says advices from Szuchuan, province of Hupeh, report that 'Boxers" have destroyed two villages and massacred many converts of the French missionary stations. The general commanding at Shi Nan Fu, it is added, sent a regiment to the scene of the disturbances. The soldiers were ambushed by the malcontents and lost twenty-six men killed. Reinforcements have been dispatched from Ichang.

Movements of Boxers.

PEKING, May 28.-The diplomatie corps is now in session considering the situation caused by the Boxers. The foreign guards will certainly be brought here. The position of affairs is alarming. Railway communication with Tien-tsin is interrupted.

TIEN-TSIN, May 28.-The Boxers burned the Liulino station, on the Luhan Railway, twenty miles from Peking, last night. They also wrecked the track, destroyed a number of cars and murdered several Chinese employes. The Boxers are marching on toward Peking. It is reported that while retreating several Belgian engineers and their families

were cut off at Chang Hsin Tien, ten kilometers from Feng Tai. They are now defending themselves on a hill. No Peking trains are running. The Boxers are now burning Feng Tai. It is reported that the safety of the Belgian engineers is doubtful. Several missionaries have been out off at Pao Ting Fu have been cut off at Pao Ting Fu. SHANGHAI, May 28.—The troubles arising from the defeat of the Government troops by the Boxers have extended

of the French Cathedral at Peking. America's Course.

to Iuhan, where work on the railway is almost completely stopped. Five hun-dred refugees have sought the protection

NEW YORK, May 25 .- A special to the Sun from Washington says: On the basis of recent telegraphic reports from Mr. Conger, United States Minister, at Peking, the State Department has determined to follow the course of the European pations in bringing all its moral in pean nations in bringing all its moral influence to bear on the Chinese Government to the end that strong measures may be adopted for the suppression of the Boxers. Conger's most recent report showed that this anti-foreign and anti-Christian organization was operating in ceived here from Corea says Russian troops now occupy Wasampho and will prevent the passage of all comers over the territory in Corea claimed by Purel. The department has inthe territory in Corea claimed by Russia. structed Conger to notify the Tsung-li NEW YORK, May 25.—A special to the Yamen that the Government expects it Sun from Washington says: In view of the reports that Japan is preparing for possible conflict with Russia a bit of news that has been received here is regarded as important. It is to the effect that live tornedges are being placed in all of the other foreign representatives at that live torpedoes are being placed in all of the other foreign representatives at the Japanese harbors. This is a measure Peking, the United States Government in its instructions to him having followed

its uniform rule in that regard.

The "Boxers," originally a gymnastic association, is now the most powerful political organization in China. It unquestionably gains much of its strength from the belief that the Empress Dowager sympathizes with its purposes. It is opposed to the reform movement and to Christian missionary work. So far there have not been any outrages on foreign residents, but the native Christian conerts have suffered severely, women and children not being exempt from the mur-derous assaults of the fanatics. The future course of this Government has not been determined, but if drastic measures should be adopted by the European countries American marines and bluejackets will probably be sent to Peking and to American missionary stations to protect

the lives of the citizens of this country.

NEW YORK, May 25.—A cable to the Sun from Shanghai says: It is reported from Szuchuan, Province of Hu-Peh, that the Boxers have destroyed two more villages inhabited by converts of the French missionaries and massacred the inhabitants. the efficiency of the new brigades and divisions organized within the last few to suppress the Boxers were ambushed years. Nevertheless, we do not think and twenty-six of them were killed and many wounded. Reinforcements have been ordered to the scene of the disturb-ance. The Chinese Government has sent note to the diplomatic representatives of the various governments promising to suppress the Boxers throughout the kingdom. The ability of the Government to carry out this pledge is generally doubted

PEKING, May 25.-A force of Chinese cavalry that was attacked by "Boxers"

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PRESIDENT DOLE A REPUBLICAN.

President Sanford B. Dole was interviewed yesterday by the Advertiser on the question of his politics.

"Mr. Dole, it has been stored that you are not a Republican?" was the question put to him.

"I have always considered myself a Republican, and so consider myself now," was President Dole's reply.

"The child usually follows his fat her in politics," he continued. "My father was a Whig and came here before the Republican party was born. Doubtless he would have been a Republican. Here until now we have had no opportunity to take part in the party politics of the United States, nor need to affirm our political faith. I think I am not called on in my present office or in that of Governor to take a partisan position.

"As Governor, I am appointed by President McKinley to administer an honest government to all the people of Hawaii, wthout regard to party affiliations. This I shall do. I will state however, that I have always considered myself a Republican, and consider myself a Republican now."